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1. On 17 April 1956 [REDACTED] said that Roberto BARRIOS Pena used to be anti-Communist but is now "swinging over to us".<sup>1</sup>

2. On 18 May [REDACTED] said that Colonel Roberto BARRIOS Pena, the Director of the Instituto Civico Militar, has been persuaded by some leftist students into thinking that he is a possible presidential candidate and, based on this, he has become involved in opposition activities against the Guatemalan Government. Roberto BARRIOS has two brothers, Ricardo and Carlos Enrique BARRIOS Pena, who occupy the positions of Director of the Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social (IGSS), Guatemalan Government Social Security Institute, and Chief of the First Bureau of the Guatemalan Army G-2, respectively. For this reason, the government has been unwilling to take any action against BARRIOS. Guatemalan officials have talked to both brothers, who say that they have tried, unsuccessfully, to dissuade Roberto from his anti-government activities.

[REDACTED] BARRIOS will be called to the Dominican Republic, ostensibly to talk to President TRUJILLO about alleged aid which TRUJILLO might be willing to give to groups opposed to President Carlos CASTILLO Armas. Upon his arrival there, TRUJILLO will notify BARRIOS that he has been "offered" the position of Guatemalan Consul to the Dominican Republic and that he should forget his anti-government activities. If BARRIOS refuses, he will then be told by TRUJILLO that he cannot leave the Dominican Republic.<sup>2</sup>

1. [REDACTED] Comment. It has also been reported that FERNANDEZ is at present a member of the Central Committee of the underground PGT.

2. Roberto BARRIOS was reportedly involved in the January 1955 movement against the government which was led by Colonel Francisco COSENZA Galvez who is still in exile in Costa Rica, where he is reported to be involved in a movement directed against the Guatemalan Government.

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